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136 thought to be related to the race of mankind. On the other hand, the
225 manatee is hunted occasionally. Birds are hunted but seldom, but the
262 meat of the iguana is prized. This animal is not found in great
[224] quantities, however, in the open plains.

The vegetable diet is somewhat more plentiful and varied. There
262 are no restrictions or taboos on what can be eaten. In the dry season
137 it is the potato-like changuango, which is gathered by the women and
[251] which is to be seen broiling over the fires at all times, and which is the only food which the Yaruros are able to keep for a few days by burying it in the sand. In the rainy season it is the chigua seed and the barbaco which form the basic foods. The following list includes most of the foods eaten by the Yaruros:

DRY SEASON

221 *Eggs.*—Terracai (small water turtle) (mostly in February), turtle (March,
262 April), galapago (tortoise—December), crocodile (cayman—February), babu
(December).

136 *Meats.*—Terracai, turtle, galapago, crocodile (babu), deer, chiguire (capibara),
137 birds, iguana.

Vegetables.—Changuango (root found in the savanna), barbaco (root found in the forest, mostly in May), guapo (a root found in the forest), wild yam (found in the savanna and the forests), fruit of the macanilla palm, honey, hearts of palm (in April).

DRY AND RAINY SEASON

Fish.—(Local Spanish names) tapuara, caribe, toporo, tachiama, palumeta, pavon, cajani, temblador (electric eel).

RAINY SEASON

Meats.—Terracai, turtle, galapago, crocodile (babu), deer, chiguire, birds, iguana.

Vegetables.—Fruit of the moriche, chigua, barbaco.

PROPERTY

421 The Yaruros do not have much personal property. Nevertheless,
422 what each person possesses is respected scrupulously. This attitude is especially in evidence when, for instance, a visitor attempts to purchase such a thing as a pot. In my case I was forced to ask the men. In spite of any price that I might offer they never allowed themselves to give any kind of an answer to my offer. Instead they offered the explanation that the pots were the property of the women and, therefore, they had to be asked if they wished to sell them. My own property I left in camp often without anyone to watch over it, but never did I miss even a sheet of paper.

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